UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS CENTRAL DIVISION

DONALD P. SPEAKMAN, STEPHEN H. WEDEL, and MARK L. ROBARE, Individually and On Behalf of All Others)))
Similarly Situated,)
Plaintiffs,)) Civil Action No. 4:04-cv-40077-FDS
V.)
)
ALLMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. &)
ANNUITY CO., FIRST ALLMERICA)
FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO., and)
ALLMERICA FINANCIAL CORP.,)
Defendants.))
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DEFENDANTS' ASSENTED-TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE OPPOSITION BRIEF TO MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT

Defendants and Counterclaim Plaintiffs Allmerica Financial Life Insurance and Annuity Co., First Allmerica Financial Life Insurance Co., and Allmerica Financial Corp. (collectively, "Allmerica" or "Defendants") respectfully move for an extension of time to file their Opposition Brief to the Motion Of Jordan Gates For Relief From Judgment from October 25, 2006 to November 15, 2006. Mr. Gates has assented to the requested extension.

As grounds for this motion, Defendants state as follows:

- 1. Mr. Gates filed his Motion for Relief From Judgment on October 11, 2006.
- 2. Defendants' Opposition Brief is currently due on October 25, 2006.
- 3. Defendants seek an extension of time to November 15, 2006 to file their Opposition Brief in order to accommodate their professional and personal schedules.
 - 4. Mr. Gates has assented to the requested extension of time.

WHEREFORE, Allmerica respectfully requests that the Court extend the deadline for filing its Opposition to the Motion Of Jordan Gates For Relief From Judgment to November 15, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE & ANNUITY CO., FIRST ALLMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., and ALLMERICA FINANCIAL CORP.

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